

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 were pending in the subject application. The Examiner has finally rejected all previously pending claims. Claims 1-9 are unamended by this paper, and new claims 24-26 are added by this paper. Support for the amendments can be found at, for example, paragraph nos. 25-27, 30, and 33 of the subject application as filed. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the subject application in view of the following remarks.

Claim 1 specifies that multiple presentation settings are coordinated with respective ones of multiple portions of an audio/video program, such that the multiple presentation settings are “synchronized” with respective ones of the multiple portions of the audio/video program during a subsequent playback session of the audio/video program.

The Examiner points to two passages of Sturgeon as allegedly disclosing features of claim 1. First, the Examiner quotes a passage noting that “[t]hese settings may be selected for a title during its playback on the fly through various on-disc menus” [Sturgeon, col. 6, lines 15-17] However, the very next sentence in Sturgeon explains that “these selections are merely transient, in that they would not persist from one viewing session to the next.” [Sturgeon, col. 6, lines 18-20] Because the selections in the quoted passage are “merely transient,” the selections would “not persist” and, therefore, would not be “synchronized” during a subsequent playback session in the manner specified by claim 1. Second, the Examiner quotes a passage noting that, “[i]n essence, it should be understood that the DVDCS module 416 controls the playback of a DVD title, interacts with the drivers 412, 414 to start and stop the DVD player, or, find a particular portion of a title or select a title and pass along user preferences selected by a user through the IOSD 418.” [Sturgeon, col. 6, lines 60-65] However, and referring to FIG. 5A of Sturgeon, this cited reference explains that finding a particular portion of a title can be carried out using options such as a chapter option 510 or a chapter slider 522. That the DVDCS module 416 provides functionality to find a particular chapter of a title or to slide to a particular portion of that chapter fails to teach or suggest the synchronization of multiple presentation settings during a subsequent playback session, as specified by claim 1.

The deficiencies of Sturgeon are not remedied by the remaining cited references. For at these reasons, the cited references fail to teach or suggest the subject matter that is defined by

claim 1. Therefore, claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-9 and 24-26 are in a condition for allowance.

SUMMARY

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is now in a condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if there are any residual issues that can be resolved through a telephone call.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

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